



The Nuncio

Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes



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PASTORAL STAFF

Secretary: Halena Estep

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Parish Outreach: Eileen Hartrich

Custodial Care: Marylin Stanley & Matthew Watson for St. Elizabeth

Custodial Care: Rita Wirey for Our Lady of Lourdes

Music Director : Chris Jansen, St. Elizabeth

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday: 8:30 am—4:00 pm

Closed for lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass at St. Elizabeth:

Tuesday - 12:05 pm

Wednesday—Friday 7:30 am

Saturday Vigil at St. Elizabeth 4:30 pm

Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes 9:00 am

Sunday Mass at St. Elizabeth 7:30 and 10:30 am

PARISH REGISTRATION

New parishioners are always welcome!

You may register in person or by calling the Parish Center.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth 3:45 pm

Or by appointment

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Center for registration and reservation.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are considering marriage, please contact Father Aloy no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date and the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill or having surgery, please contact Father Aloy.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing formation process for adults who are interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or First Eucharist. Call the Parish Center for additional information.

January 4, 2015

Epiphany of the Lord



Rise up in splendor!

Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord
shines upon you.

Isaiah 60:1



Mass Intentions

Jan. 3	4:30 pm	Ed & Rosemary Halter by Anonymous
Jan. 4	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Florence Huss by the Eckert Family Perry & Jamie Ping by the Ping Family For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
Jan. 5		NO MASS
Jan. 6	7:30 am	Communion Service
Jan. 7	7:30 am	Communion Service
Jan. 8	7:30 am	Communion Service
Jan. 9	7:30 am	Communion Service
Jan. 10	4:30 pm	Florence Huss by Karen Anderson
Jan. 11	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Thanksgiving by Clarence Schutte Michael Kirts by Henry, Vera & Ann Kirts For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy



Ministry Schedule

January 10–11, 2015

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Celeste White USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower COMMUNION MIN: Patti Buercklin, Jack Stanley, Ginger Osborne SERVERS: Connor Griffin, Xavier Brown GIFTS: Mullins Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Linda Sikorski USHERS: Clarence Schutte, Stewart Schutte COMMUNION MIN: Mike Dorn, Jack Stanley, Joe Hepner SERVERS: David Jenkins, Matthew Jenkins GIFTS: Carol & Joe Hepner
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Anita Kocher USHERS: D. & S. Fitzmaurice COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Nancy Ping SERVERS: Kayla Matson GIFTS: Fitzmaurice Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Sunny Kim Veenstra USHERS: Brad Sexton, Logan Sexton COMMUNION MIN: April & Sean Sexton, Phyllis Inboden SERVERS: Chase Knoblett, Shara Coffman GIFTS: Bob & Karla Birkofer

St. Elizabeth Collection Counters for January

Karen Reinoehl, Chris Tylka, Bob Birkofer

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Rosemary & Ed Halter, Roscoe Paul Kincaid, Daniel Hatfield, Nancy Huber, Jeff Rich, Billy Skaggs, Pastor Sheila Ducommon, Kirk Wirey, Mildred Hinterscher, Cherie Stewart, Mark Wagner, Arlene Schutte, Jane Brown, Patti Ackerman, Dan Schalasky, Emma Kocher, Michelle & Kevin Boyd, Mary Rogers, Jason Genta, Sherry Mitchell, Lorraine Snerecky, Dr. John Newlin, John Skaggs, Sam Mitchell, Lori Brown, Jared Holmes, Bill Wilson, George Inboden, Theresa Bowen, Bobbie Cheesman, Amie Cornwell, Ben Curtis, Daniel Ferguson, Jeanie H., Pat Hanson, Hartrich Family, Judy Hester, Ira Inboden, Joe King, Madonna Kirts, Kimberly Knapp, Donna McIntire, Rick McKinley, Bill Meirink, Danny Miller, Val Pescatore, Kristi Rawlings, Brice Reed & family, Missy Rees, Levi Richardson, Jason Richardville, Ellis Sanders, Marian Scott, Mike & Judy Smolinski, John Stedelin, Isabella & Nolan Stephens, Pamela Stephenson, Linda Stewart, Nolan (Butch) Stewart, Bertha Taylor, Becky Van Schoyck, Ginny Varner, Linda Wedge-Stephens, Bill Wilson, Jennifer Winstead & the men & women in armed forces.

PSR News

No PSR class on Wednesday, January 7, 2015.
PSR will resume on Wednesday, January 14, 2015
from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Fellowship Night

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 is Fellowship Night at the Parish Hall from 5:30 pm–7:00 pm.

Communion Services

There will be Communion Services from Tuesday, January 6–Friday, January 9, 2015.
There will be no 12:05 pm mass on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 but a Communion Service at 7:30 am.

Help & Healing

If you or someone close to you have been a victim of abuse by priest, deacon or individual representing the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, you or they are encouraged to contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator~ Patricia Kornfeld at 217-321-1155.

January Stewardship Corner

The Blessed Virgin Mary was the model steward with her unqualified, "yes" and complete trust in God's will. When I put God first in my life, everything else falls into place.

Please remember to attend weekly mass

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

In Our first reading, the prophet Isaiah is fond of portraying Jerusalem as the spouse of the Lord. For too long, pride interfered in her relationship with God. Determined to go her own way, she ultimately ended up in exile, feeling abandoned and desolate (see Is 62:4). In this oracle, however, things have changed dramatically. The days of exile are over. The prophet invites Jerusalem to rise to her feet and stand confidently in God's presence so that the splendor of the divine may be reflected in her.

The surrounding nations stumble about in the darkness of sin and ignorance. But Jerusalem stands tall among them as a beacon of light. This is no ordinary light but the light that comes from God. Jerusalem's renewed devotion to the ways of God makes her a guiding light for the rest of the nations.

Besides inviting Jerusalem to rise to her feet, the prophet also invites her to raise her eyes and scan the horizon. She will see her children returning from exile in distant lands. Nurses carry babies in their arms, the promise of generations to come. Jerusalem will also be thrilled to see caravans making their way to her along the trades routes, bringing riches from nations

near and far, even from across the sea. They bring the finest incense and the purest gold to enhance their worship of the Lord, so grateful are they for the example Jerusalem has given them. By her trust in God, she has shown them the way to true peace and security.

Almost everything presented in this Gospel passage is aimed at manifesting that Israel rejected the Messiah and Son of God while the marginalized gentiles accepted him. The time frame for the drama of this Gospel story is "the days of King Herod," which would be 37 to 4 BC.

Jesus has just been born in Bethlehem and, much to our surprise; the very first people who recognize the significance of this event are magi from the east, Persian astrologers. They would be classified as gentiles, and yet they refer to Jesus as "the newborn king of the Jews." They have been led to Bethlehem to witness this occasion by a star. Some of the ancients believed that a new star appeared at the birth of someone of royalty. The purpose of the astrologers is to pay homage to this newborn king of the Jews.

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Yearly Tax Statements

Soon we will be sending out tax statements for monetary contributions over \$250 made in 2014. If you have moved in the past year, please make sure that we have your current address so there will not be a delay in receiving your statement.

Senior Winter Party

There will be a Senior Winter Party on **Saturday, January 10th, 2015 at 2 pm** at the Robinson Community Center. If you can help with cookies and refreshments, please contact Treola, Lori or Nancy at the below listed numbers. Cookies should be brought to the Community Center the morning of the party from 9 am-10 am. Any questions, call Treola Akers at 544-3192, Lori Crozier 544-8877 or Nancy Klump at 544-4663. Thank you for your help.

Upcoming Meetings

There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting on **Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 5:30 pm** at the Parish Hall for St. Elizabeth.
There will be a Finance and Buildings & Ground meeting on **Thurs. Jan. 15, 2015 at 5:30 pm** for OLOL.

Catholic Times Subscription Renewal

The Catholic Times will continue to report on the important issues facing Catholics nationally and internationally. \$15.00 is the annual cost of the Catholic Times Subscription. Your subscription can be renewed by your envelope contribution or during the weekend of January 10-11, 2015 for the Second

Ministry Schedules

Ministry schedules are available for January, 2015 at the foyer of the Church.
We are currently working on the Ministry Schedule for February, 2015.
If you will have any scheduling conflicts for February, please contact the Parish Office at 618-544-7526.

Church in Latin America Collection

The collection for the Church in Latin America will be collected on January 24-25, 2015. Please see next week's bulletin insert for more information about this Second Collection.
Thank you for your generosity.

Retrouvaile of St. Louis...A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart...if there's little or no meaningful communication...even if you are considering or are already separated or divorced, RETROUVAILLE can help you work to heal your marriage. It CAN be better than it ever was!

For confidential information, call toll free 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com
St. Louis Retrouvaile upcoming weekends:
February 6—8, 2015 & June 5-&, 2015

Give Central On-line Giving

Give Central is an online collection for St. Elizabeth. You can access this website from the Church website at the bottom of the page. When you click on donate, it will take you to a screen where you can specify where you want your donation to go towards. If you have any questions, you can call the Parish Office at 618-544-7526. www.givecentral.org

All of the monies donated go to St. Elizabeth.
No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, your God, has bestowed upon you.
Deuteronomy 16:16-17

Weather Policy

As the temperature turns colder, we remind you that in cases of severe weather, please listen to WTAY (101.7 FM) for Mass and parish activity cancellations.

The decision to cancel Mass is never taken lightly, but the safety of our parishioners is very important.

Catholic TV

The Catholic TV Network, America's Catholic Television Network, is now available to cable & satellite providers in our area.

Please help provide this upbeat, youthful & exciting Catholic network & a powerful resource to the people of our area & the entire nation.
To help, simply visit GetCatholicTV.com as an easy way to petition your cable or satellite provider.

Mass Stipends

We are in need of Mass Stipends for the New Year.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

2014 Parish Goals ~ St. Elizabeth

The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$22,520.00
Amount pledged to date: \$16,443.00
Amount paid to date: \$13,963.00

44 contributors have paid 62.00% of the pledged amount. A total of 73.01 (15.43%) of 285 parishioners have paid to date.

Our Lady of Lourdes

The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is \$3,799.00
Amount pledged to date: \$2,100.00
Amount paid to date: \$1,525.00

11 contributors have paid 23.91% of the pledged amount. A total of 7.32% (23.91 %) of 46 parishioners have paid to date.

This information current as of 12-10-2014 Parish Master Report

Liturgical Ministry Contacts

St. Elizabeth Parish

Readers: Eileen Hartrich 544-8251
Servers: Father Aloy 544-7526
Art & Environment: Robb Sparks 546-5606
Ushers: Ed Halter 544-7106

Our Lady of Lourdes

Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers: Keith Wirey 592-4179
Music & Liturgy: Dorla Shook 592-3893
Servers: Father Aloy 544-7526

Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth ~ Sunday, December 28, 2014

12-25-14 Christmas Mass Offering
\$2,277.00~51=\$44.64 per envelope
\$481.09 Loose Offering
\$12.00-Dependent Children @ 1 env.
\$410.00~15=\$27.33 per env.
\$175.26 Loose Offering
Total Christmas Offering=\$3,355.35
12-28-14 Offering
\$1737.00~45=\$38.60 per env.
\$333.00 Loose Offering Retired Religious 1@\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary Offering \$27.00~3=\$9.00 ea.
Total 12-28-14 Offering \$2,147.00
Online Giving 1 @ \$45.00 on 12-28-14
St. Elizabeth 1@ \$5,000.00 Caritas 1@ \$250.00
Retired Priests 1 @ \$250.00 ACSA 1 @ \$500.00
Total of \$6,045.00

Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sun. Dec. 28, 2014

12-24-2014 Christmas Eve Offering
\$165.00~10=\$16.50 ea. \$100.00 Loose Offering
\$75.00~6=\$12.50 ea. env. Dependent Children
\$87.00 Loose Offering Dependent Children Total: \$427.00
12-28-2014 Offering
\$610.00~20=\$30.50 per env.
\$113.00 Loose Offering
Total: \$723.00

Thank you and may God bless you